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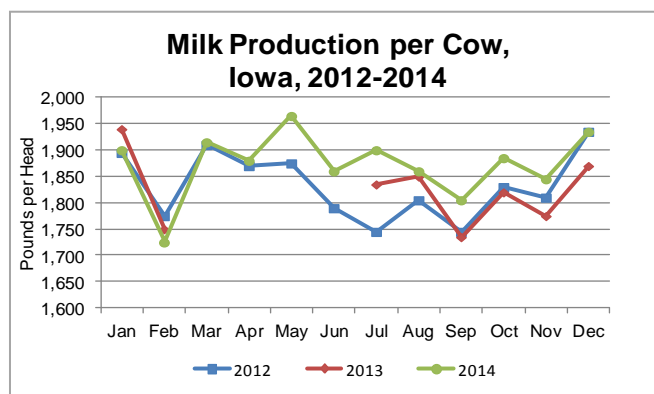
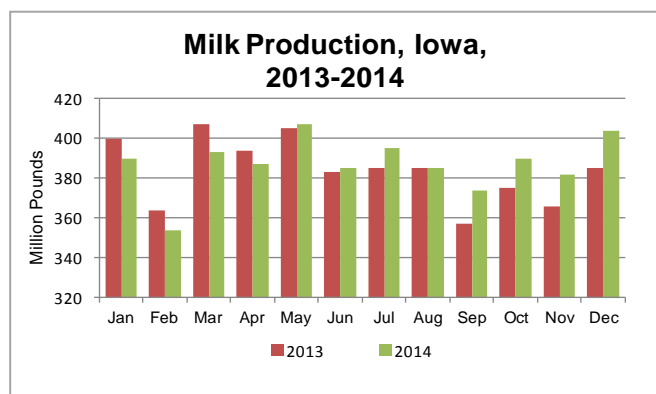
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MILK PRODUCTION

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Milk production in Iowa during December 2014 totaled 404 million pounds, up 5 percent from December 2013 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during December, at 209,000 head, was up 2,000 from last month, and 3,000 more than a year ago. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,935 pounds in December 2014, up 65 pounds from last December. This is tied with 2012 for the highest December milk per cow for Iowa on record, and is the highest December milk production since 1967.



Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, December 2013 and 2014

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	Change from 2013
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona	191	194	1,985	2,040	379	396	4.5
California	1,781	1,780	1,950	1,950	3,473	3,471	-0.1
Colorado	140	145	2,055	2,115	288	307	6.6
Florida	123	124	1,600	1,650	197	205	4.1
Idaho	565	579	1,960	1,980	1,107	1,146	3.5
Illinois	96	94	1,630	1,650	156	155	-0.6
Indiana	178	180	1,820	1,865	324	336	3.7
Iowa	206	209	1,870	1,935	385	404	4.9
Kansas	136	143	1,845	1,870	251	267	6.4
Michigan	380	402	2,020	2,060	768	828	7.8
Minnesota	460	460	1,665	1,705	766	784	2.3
New Mexico	323	323	2,050	2,060	662	665	0.5
New York	613	615	1,820	1,890	1,116	1,162	4.1
Ohio	267	268	1,680	1,710	449	458	2.0
Oregon	124	125	1,675	1,655	208	207	-0.5
Pennsylvania	530	530	1,675	1,730	888	917	3.3
South Dakota	95	98	1,815	1,870	172	183	6.4
Texas	440	470	1,820	1,870	801	879	9.7
Utah	94	96	1,820	1,940	171	186	8.8
Vermont	132	132	1,650	1,705	218	225	3.2
Virginia	94	93	1,600	1,630	150	152	1.3
Washington	266	277	1,955	1,970	520	546	5.0
Wisconsin	1,270	1,274	1,805	1,855	2,292	2,363	3.1
23-State Total	8,504	8,611	1,851	1,886	15,741	16,242	3.2

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

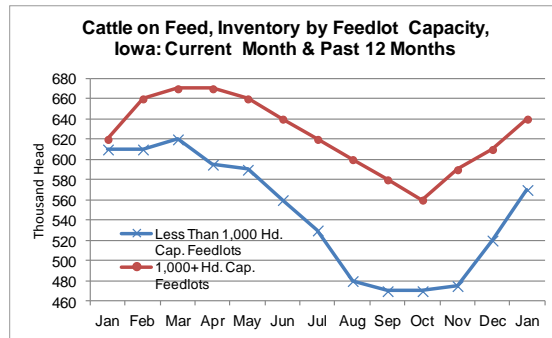
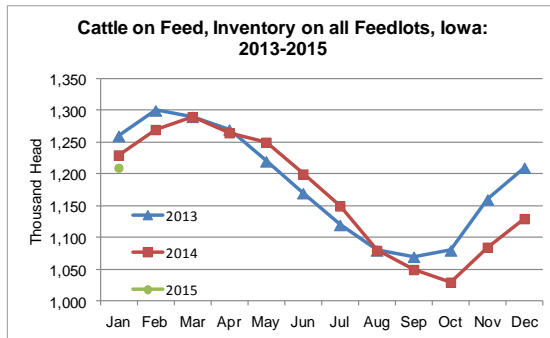
² Excludes milk sucked by calves

CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Iowa for all feedlots totaled 1,210,000 on January 1, 2015, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Iowa Field Office. The inventory is up 5 percent from December 1, 2014, but down 2 percent from January 1, 2014. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 640,000 head on feed, up 3 percent from last month and last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 570,000 head on feed, up 8 percent from last month but down 7 percent from last year.

Placements during December totaled 196,000 head, a decrease of 17 percent from last month but up 3 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 101,000 head, down 20 percent from last month but up 5 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 95,000 head. This is down 14 percent from last month but unchanged from last year.

Marketings for December were 130,000 head, down 24 percent from last month and down 21 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 80,000 head, down 16 percent from last month and down 5 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 50,000 head, down 33 percent from last month and down 37 percent from last year. **Other disappearance** totaled 6,000 head.



All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

Item	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle on Feed, December 1, 2014	620	530	1,150
November Placements	101	95	196
November Marketings	80	50	130
November Other Disappearance	1	5	6
Cattle on Feed, January 1, 2015	640	570	1,210

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Quarter, State, and United States, 2014-2015

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves			Cows & Bulls		
	January 1, 2014	October 1, 2014	January 1, 2015	January 1, 2014	October 1, 2014	January 1, 2015	January 1, 2014	October 1, 2014	January 1, 2015
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Arizona	268	249	246	6	3	3	0	0	0
California	470	365	395	40	50	30	0	0	0
Colorado	605	530	585	330	305	320	5	5	15
Idaho	125	112	137	91	88	92	4	5	1
Iowa	425	430	490	195	130	150	0	0	0
Minnesota	1,060	1,050	1,100	945	955	945	5	5	5
Kansas	107	96	108	22	17	28	1	1	1
Nebraska	1,545	1,450	1,615	820	765	840	35	25	35
Oklahoma	170	165	170	90	80	85	0	0	0
South Dakota	135	104	139	90	78	82	25	8	24
Texas	1,510	1,590	1,600	929	879	899	1	1	1
Washington	120	119	120	77	92	87	4	1	2
Other States ..	240	200	230	95	105	110	0	0	0
United States ..	6,780	6,460	6,935	3,730	3,547	3,671	80	51	84

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots

[Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.]

State	Cattle on Feed January 1			Placements during December			Marketings during December			December Disappearance other than Slaughter ¹		
	2014	2015	'15 as % of '14	2014	2015	'15 as % of '14	2014	2015	'15 as % of '14	2014	2015	'15 as % of '14
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Arizona	274	249	91	28	26	93	28	26	93	1	3	300
California	510	425	83	59	51	86	52	54	104	2	7	350
Colorado	940	920	98	150	130	87	150	135	90	10	5	50
Idaho	220	230	105	32	40	125	36	34	94	1	1	100
Iowa	2,010	2,050	102	360	330	92	385	370	96	15	10	67
Kansas	620	640	103	96	101	105	84	80	95	2	1	50
Minnesota	130	137	105	20	16	80	11	13	118	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,400	2,490	104	405	395	98	420	440	105	15	15	100
Oklahoma	260	255	98	43	36	84	45	39	87	3	2	67
South Dakota	250	245	98	43	32	74	30	30	100	3	2	67
Texas	2,440	2,500	102	370	325	88	420	365	87	20	20	100
Washington	201	209	104	34	28	82	37	42	114	3	3	100
Other States	335	340	101	39	34	87	38	27	71	1	2	200
United States	10,590	10,690	101	1,679	1,544	92	1,736	1,655	95	77	72	94

¹Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

APPLES

Iowa apple production for 2014 is estimated at 3.2 million pounds, down 56 percent from 2013, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Amid difficult spring weather and pockets of hail damage during the growing season, yield per acre was estimated at 4,000 pounds per acre, down 48 percent from the 2013 yield. Weighted average price received for all categories was up 7.7 cents per pound from 69.7 cents in 2013 to 77.4 in 2014. Total bearing acres declined 16 percent from 950 to 800 in 2014.

Commercial Apple Bearing Acreage, Yield, and Production – Selected States and United States: 2013-2014

State	Bearing Acreage		Yield per Acre ¹		Total Production		Utilized Production	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(acres)	(acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)
Illinois	1,800	1,800	8,890	11,400	16.0	20.6	15.0	19.8
Iowa	950	800	7,680	4,000	7.3	3.2	5.8	2.5
Michigan	36,500	36,500	34,500	27,400	1,260.0	1,000.0	1,250.0	1,000.0
Minnesota	2,200	2,200	8,740	8,820	19.2	19.4	14.1	16.3
Missouri	1,200	1,200	14,100	17,700	16.9	21.2	15.0	20.1
Wisconsin	3,100	3,100	13,500	13,100	41.7	40.7	37.9	37.7
United States	328,620	327,380	31,600	34,400	10,399.1	11,251.2	10,302.9	11,198.3

¹Yield is based on total production, which includes unharvested production and fruit harvested but not sold due to market conditions.

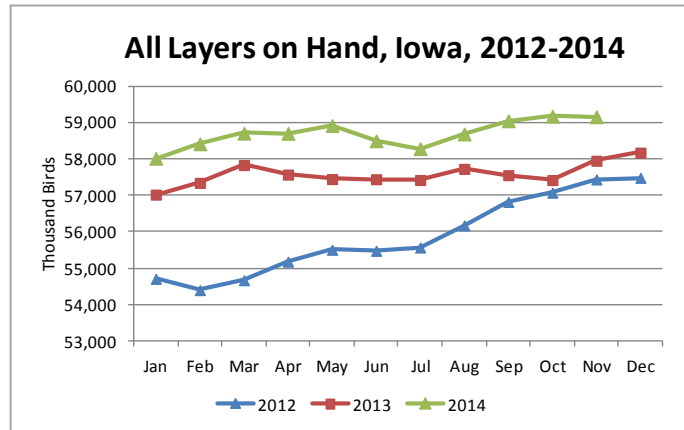
Commercial Apple Price and Value – Selected States and United States: 2013-2014

State	Price per Pound		Value of Utilized Production	
	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Illinois	0.528	0.684	7,913	13,542
Iowa	0.697	0.774	4,040	1,935
Michigan	0.204	0.228	254,953	227,720
Minnesota	0.835	0.806	11,801	13,137
Missouri	0.368	0.340	5,515	6,843
Wisconsin	0.509	0.641	19,274	24,172
United States	0.302	0.265	3,113,126	2,963,981

CHICKENS & EGGS

Iowa Egg production during December 2014 was 1.45 billion eggs, up 5 percent from last month, and up 6 percent from last year, according to the latest *Chickens and Eggs* release from USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The total number of layers on hand during December was 59.7 million, up 1 percent from last month, up 3 percent from last year, and the largest inventory on record for the State of Iowa. Eggs per 100 layers for the month of December were 2,424, up 5 percent from last month, and up 4 percent from 2,341 last year.



Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: December 2013 and 2014

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding. Data by type of flock not shown for some states to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in United States totals.]

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 & above		All layers on hand		Eggs per 100 layers		Total egg production		Table egg production	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama	1,482	1,588	9,089	9,291	1,991	1,980	181	184	35	39
Arkansas	3,602	3,786	12,374	12,895	2,085	2,102	258	271	92	96
California	16,448	13,597	16,872	14,135	2,454	2,377	414	336	(D)	(D)
Colorado	4,589	4,300	5,029	4,651	2,525	2,430	127	113	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	2,326	2,326	2,415	2,419	2,319	2,315	56	56	(D)	(D)
Florida	8,273	8,731	8,576	9,054	2,355	2,441	202	221	198	216
Georgia	9,382	10,124	18,072	18,854	2,236	2,212	404	417	234	247
Illinois	4,237	4,548	4,537	4,841	2,402	2,334	109	113	104	108
Indiana	26,546	26,124	27,516	26,980	2,399	2,443	660	659	642	643
Iowa	57,246	58,725	58,173	59,743	2,341	2,424	1,362	1,448	1,348	1,432
Maine	3,478	3,478	3,533	3,533	2,378	2,378	84	84	(D)	(D)
Maryland	2,719	2,626	2,842	2,745	2,217	2,441	63	67	62	66
Michigan	12,734	12,932	12,884	13,084	2,491	2,545	321	333	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	10,163	11,108	10,563	11,516	2,367	2,449	250	282	244	276
Mississippi	1,532	1,514	5,693	5,584	2,020	2,113	115	118	37	39
Missouri	6,453	6,837	8,066	8,423	2,368	2,446	191	206	(D)	(D)
Nebraska	9,257	9,464	9,307	9,514	2,493	2,554	232	243	232	243
New York	4,579	4,719	4,810	4,939	2,516	2,571	121	127	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	5,863	6,724	13,160	14,332	2,150	2,198	283	315	148	173
Ohio	28,051	30,203	28,585	30,723	2,480	2,451	709	753	(D)	(D)
Oregon	2,197	2,144	2,267	2,214	2,691	2,620	61	58	61	58
Pennsylvania	24,791	24,320	26,008	25,581	2,495	2,580	649	660	626	636
South Carolina	3,221	3,012	4,416	4,256	2,242	2,185	99	93	79	71
South Dakota	2,593	2,510	2,633	2,550	2,545	2,588	67	66	67	66
Texas	14,989	15,096	18,887	18,949	2,314	2,354	437	446	(D)	(D)
Utah	3,864	4,407	3,894	4,437	2,440	2,524	95	112	95	112
Virginia	1,196	1,260	2,800	2,847	2,179	2,248	61	64	31	33
Washington	6,756	7,051	6,873	7,169	2,401	2,455	165	176	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	4,725	4,811	5,381	5,474	2,546	2,448	137	134	(D)	(D)
Other States ¹	12,973	12,924	21,272	21,302	2,228	2,239	474	477	341	344
United States	296,265	300,989	356,527	362,035	2,352	2,384	8,387	8,632	7,320	7,542

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. ¹ Includes data for states not published in this table.